

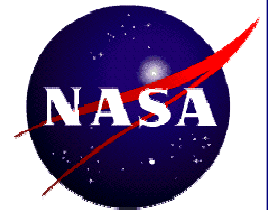
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Wallops and Local Artist Recognize 25th Anniversary of First Space Shuttle Flight

Wallops Flight Facility and local artist Robert Lentz will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the first flight of the space shuttle with the unveiling of the sculpture "Godspeed" at 10 a.m., April 14, at the NASA Visitor Center.

The first shuttle flight was conducted April 12 through 14,

1981. Wallops provided range safety support during the launch and tracking of the shuttle during ascent and orbital phases of the mission. In addition, six meteorological rockets and four balloons were flown to compare data with shuttle sensor measurements during the historic flight.

The Lentz sculpture depicts a shuttle orbiter rising into space above its contrail. It is made from the woods of sassafras, ce-

dar and holly, and measures 25 inches in diameter and stands 55

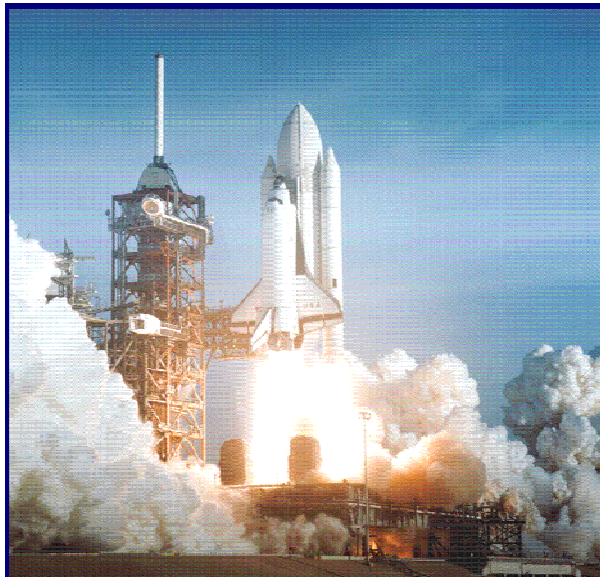
inches high. Lentz made the sculpture as "a tribute to the U.S. space program and to all who

have flown and supported the missions."

Lentz, a resident of Pungoteague, Va., specializes in wood turning and sculpture. He began wood-working at age 8.

After 30 years with the U.S. Forest Service, he retired and now devotes full time to his art.

His works are featured in art and newspaper publications.



*NASA Photo
Space Shuttle Columbia launches on April 12, 1981.*

Wallops Shorts.....

In the News

Space News
"University of Alaska To Maintain Poker Flat Range"

On the Road

On April 6, Jessica Thompson, NASA GN&C Systems Engineering Branch, participated in a Career Day event at Colonel Richardson Middle School in Federalsburg, Md. Approximately 100 students attended the event.

Launch

A NASA Terrier Improved Orion sounding rocket was launched from White Sands Missile Range, N.M., on April 5.

The mission was to collect high quality, time synchronized descent imagery and inertial measurements for algorithm testing.

Dr. Calina Seybold, JPL, was the principal investigator. Bruce Scott, NASA Sounding Rocket Operations Contract, was the mission manager.

The payload was recovered and good data was obtained.

Upcoming Training at WFF

Introductory Overhead Crane Operator Training

April 19 - 20

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Bldg. N-159, Room E-208

This course satisfies the requirements of the NASA Standard for Lifting Devices and Equipment for the operation of electric, manual or air driven overhead cranes and hoists at WFF. Successful completion of this course, along with a crane operator physical examination will lead to a crane operator's license at NASA. Civil service and contractor personnel who require an overhead crane



operator license should attend. There is no charge for NASA civil service employees. Contractors and other tenant personnel will be required to pay \$300 per student. To enroll, contact Matt Meier at x2156.

Refresher Overhead Crane Operator Training

April 24

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Bldg. N-159, Room E-208

There is no charge for NASA civil service employees. Contractors and other tenant personnel will be required to pay \$200 per student. To enroll, contact Matt Meier at x2156.

The ABCs of Estate Planning

April 18, 2006

Building E-2 Conference Room

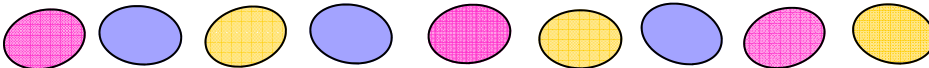
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Learn:

1. Proper asset transfer to next generation
2. Asset protection from Long Term Care costs
3. Appointing a representative to make financial and medical decisions for you when you are no longer able
4. Why insurance should be a part of your estate plan

Speakers: Ginny Brown, Esq
Burrell Taylor, CLU, ChFC

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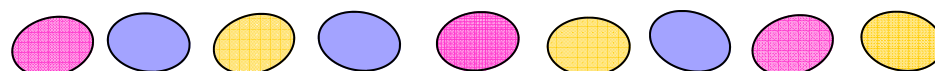


A "Hopping" Good Time



Richard Mitchell Photo

Children participate in a sack race as part of the annual Easter egg hunt. Approximately 200 children and parents attended this year's event. The event featured games and activities, along with a special appearance by the Easter Bunny.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 12
Building F-3 (Rocket Club)
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, contact the Health Unit x1266.



Reminder

Applications for Inspire the Next Generation Day must be turned in by COB Friday, April 14. The event will take place on April 27.

For more information, call Ed Parrott at x1681.

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